

**Jury Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana**

November 7, 2003
Minutes

1. Members present. The following members of the committee were present: Brent Dickson, Jeffrey Heffelfinger, William Hughes, Mark McIntosh, Les Meade, John Pera, Michael Peyton, Kenneth Scheibenberger, and Ernest Yelton, Chair
2. Staff present. Michelle C. Goodman and Tom Carusillo provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests. Dave Strantz and Todd Gould of Innovative.
4. Minutes. The Committee approved the minutes from August 2003.
5. Jury Orientation Video. The Committee reviewed the proposed jury orientation video and gave feedback to Innovative regarding the production. The Committee asked that the voiceover for scene six be taped again to reflect the common pronunciations of “voir dire”, that the last line of scene twelve be eliminated because it is repetitious, and that two of the juror testimonials be shortened in length. Overall, the Committee was pleased with the production. The Committee then discussed options for the title of the video. Several titles were suggested and discussed. A motion was made to adopt “Indiana Jury Service: a duty, a privilege, an honor” as the title. The motion was amended to remove the “a” and “an” from the title. The Committee approved the motion as amended. The Committee then discussed what credits should be placed on the video. The Committee discussed several options. The Committee decided to create credits to appear in the video for the grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (based on the grant requirements) and for the Judicial Conference of Indiana and the Jury Committee as a whole. The Committee also decided that Innovative should receive credit on the video jacket. Michelle was asked to check on the exact language required in the grant for their credit and to send Judge Hughes and Judge Yelton the revised video before the Board of Directors meeting. The Committee members also discussed receiving feedback on the video from prospective jurors. The Committee requested that Innovative provide some copies of the current version of the video so the Committee members could survey some juror over the next few weeks. The Committee was asked to send feedback regarding the video to Michelle in writing prior to the Board of Directors meeting. The Committee agreed that once the final editing changes were complete the video would be presented to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference with a recommendation that this video be approved as a standard presentation for jury orientation. The Committee also requested that the Orientation Sub-Committee review the Orientation Standards and bring the Committee recommended changes if necessary.
6. Jury Pool. Judge Pera reported that an Indiana Criminal Justice Institute grant application had been completed for the data integration project in the amount of \$122,666.67. The

grant request was for a one year period, but the goal is to complete the project in October of 2004. The ICJI meets on December 5th to review the grant applications.

Judge Pera also reported that we have met with the Department of Revenue to discuss obtaining data for jury pool formation. Those attending the meeting were three representatives from the DOR, Michelle, Bob Mount of JTAC, and Judge Pera via telephone. One problem raised during the meeting was that the DOR does not collect date of birth and in order to do so a form change would have to be requested. The DOR requested a written request stating the information we needed, why it was needed and that the source of individual data would remain confidential. This written request was sent to the DOR on October 15, 2003 from the Chief Justice on behalf of the Judicial Conference, Division of State Court Administration, and this Committee. Michelle was asked to continue to follow-up on this matter. Judge Pera also reported that he would see if there is any useful data from the census that could be used to help form jury pools.

7. Other Business. Some Committee members voiced concerns about the current lists and the accuracy of the data. One problem has been that zip codes on BMV lists have brought out of county residents into the jury pool. A second concern was that a yearly pool was too long due to the high turnover of residents. The Committee briefly discussed these issues. It was suggested that an amendment be presented at the next meeting to address how often jury pools are formed.

Michelle distributed some cases and news articles that may be of interest to the Committee. Michelle also reported that she had received a publication from the National Center for State Courts on Jury System Technology and gave the Committee a brief overview of the material. Finally, Michelle reported to the Committee that she requested and received a full scholarship to the National Center for State Courts Jury Management Conference in December and she will report back to the Committee at the next meeting about the conference.

8. Future Meeting. The Committee set the follow meeting schedule for 2004 at the Judicial Center:
January 23, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.
April 16, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
July 23, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
October 29, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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